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SUMMARY: AT SENIOR POLITICAL COMMITTEE (SPC) MEETING SEPTEMBER 26, CONSENSUS REACHED (U.S. AD REF) ON OCTOBER 9 DATE FOR CONVENING AD HOC GROUP IN BRUSSELS, AND OCTOBER 16 IN VIENNA. TOUR DE TABLE INDICATED FOUR ALLIES COULD CONFIRM ATTENDANCE BY HEADS OF DELEGATION IN BRUSSELS, THREE WERE UNCERTAIN, REST WOULD EITHER BE REPRESENTED BY DEPUTIES OR DID NOT KNOW. ACTION REQUESTED: CONFIRMATION OF DATES. END SUMMARY.

1. CHAIRMAN (KASTL) ASKED WHETHER SPC COULD NOW AGREE TO OCTOBER 8 OR 9 FOR CONVENING OF AD HOC GROUP (AHG) IN BRUSSELS, AND IF SO WHICH DATE. DURING TOUR DE TABLE, IN WHICH MAJORITY OF REPS AGREED (U.S. AD REF) TO OCTOBER 9, BELGIAN REP (WILLOT) NOTED THAT HE SAW NO REASON FOR AHG TO MEET AT ALL UNTIL CURRENT WORK ON THE ALLIED NEGOTIATING POSITION WAS COMPLETED. HE ASKED WHAT AHG'S MANDATE WOULD BE IF OUTSTANDING ISSUES WERE NOT RESOLVED. BELGIANS COULD CONFIDENTIAL

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THEREFORE NOT AGREE TO CONVENING OF AD HOC GROUP UNTIL AT LEAST SECTIONS IV AND V OF ALLIED PAPER WERE COMPLETED, BUT WITH THIS CAVEAT WERE PREPARED TO GO ALONG WITH OCTOBER 9. CHAIRMAN RECORDED CONSENSUS WITH BELGIAN QUALIFICATION.

2. DISCUSSION THEN TURNED TO LENGTH OF AHG'S STAY IN BRUSSELS. CONSENSUS EVENTUALLY FORMED AROUND OCTOBER 9-13 FOR AD HOC GROUP'S STAY IN BRUSSELS AND ITS CONVENING IN VIENNA ON OCTOBER 16 (U.S. AGAIN AD REF).

3. UK REP (LOGAN) ASKED ABOUT LEVEL OF DELEGATIONS COMING TO BRUSSELS, INDICATING THAT UK HEAD OF DELEGATION PLANNING TO ATTEND, BUT ONLY UNTIL THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11. TOUR DE TABLE REVEALED THAT ASIDE FROM UK, CANADA, FRG AND LUXEMBOURG PLANNED TO BE REPRESENTED BY HEADS OF DELEGATION. BELGIUM, NORWAY, AND U.S. WERE STILL UNCERTAIN, WITH DENMARK AND PORTUGAL INDICATING THAT DEPUTIES WOULD BE PRESENT. OTHERS HAD NO INFORMATION.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORITY TO CONFIRM OCTOBER 9 FOR CONVENING OF AD HOC GROUP IN BRUSSELS AND OCTOBER 16 IN VIENNA. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE INDICATION OF WHETHER U.S. WILL BE REPRESENTED BY HEAD OR DEPUTY HEAD OF DELEGATION.

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